

## HOSPITAL DISCUSSED BY STATE OFFICIAL

Administration, financing and general information relating to a district hospital were discussed by Dr. P. K. Gilman, chief of the bureau of hospital surveys for the state of California, at an informal dinner meeting with directors of the Sierra View Hospital district held Tuesday noon at the Villa cafe in Porterville.

Dr. Gilman stated that perhaps the first step of board members should be to obtain a competent hospital consultant to make a survey of the hospital district as to its present and possible future needs; also to determine cost estimates.

### AID POSSIBLE

It is possible, although not certain, Dr. Gilman stated, that after such an estimate is made, federal funds may be obtained to finance one-third of the hospital costs and state funds for another third, leaving only one-third of the ultimate cost to be carried by the hospital district.

Before state and federal funds are forthcoming, a priority, based on need, must be established, however the responsible state and federal agencies will committee themselves as to whether or not such aid will be granted as soon as a plan is submitted and prior to the voting of bonds by the hospital district, according to Dr. Gilman, who further stated that next recommendations by his bureau concerning construction of hospitals in California, will be made to the federal administration early in March and that the Sierra View district application might be considered at that time if the district plan is ready.

### "NO STRINGS"

"There are no strings attached to federal and state hospital aid," Dr. Gilman stated. Only general laws of the state, apply. (Continued on Page 14)

## Local Cotton At 30,000 Bales

The 30,000 bale mark was this week passed by ginner in the Porterville, Woodville, Poplar district as local cotton growers approached the end of the picking season.

A check of the four local gins, as of late last week, showed the following figures: Tule River Coop. Gin, Inc., 13,000 bales; San Joaquin Cotton Oil company at Woodville, 6,730 bales and at Poplar, 4,700 bales and the Woodville Gin, Inc., 6,066 bales.

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## NATURAL GAS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN POPLAR AREA

### Ewes And Lambs At Monroe Ranch



FARM TRIBUNE PHOTO

**PUREBRED SUFFOLKS** at the Hugh W. Monroe ranch in Woodville have a traditional as well as commercial value, for the Monroe family has been in the sheep business for nearly 80 years—John Buchanan Monroe, father of Hugh Monroe, at one time running 10,000 head of range sheep on the plains country around Woodville, Pixley and Saucelito.

### Eighty Years Of Sheep Raising Back Purebred Suffolks At Monroe Ranch

Considerably more than commercial value lies in the flock of purebred Suffolk sheep at the Hugh W. Monroe ranch in the Woodville district, for this flock represents a continuation of a business started in the Monroe family some 80 years ago and

maintained without break down through the years.

At the present time, Hugh Monroe uses the Suffolks to produce rams, most of which he sells in the northern part of the state at the established Galt and Dixon sales, since it is in this area that the greatest demand for sheep now exists.

A flock of about 150 head has been maintained by Monroe, who is the only commercial breeder of Suffolk rams in Tulare county, however, he is cutting down the number. The flock is run on permanent pasture during the summer and on alfalfa range during winter months, with some supplemental hay also fed.

### SUFFOLK POPULAR

The Suffolk, a black face sheep, is constantly gaining in popularity as a mutton producing animal, according to Monroe. It is particularly suited to brushy grazing areas, since its bare legs and light belly wool do not collect burrs. The animals produce a good grade of wool, however, in less quantity than some other breeds.

History of the sheep business in the Monroe family dates back many years. The grandparents of Hugh Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Monroe, came to California by ox team from Missouri in the year 1856, settled for a time (Continued on page 8)

### Street Numbering Is First Step By Company

The Southern California Gas company is planning to bring natural gas service to the community of Poplar within the near future, according to an announcement made yesterday by Division Manager George B. Porter.

Beginning January 19, company field representatives will call on all homes and businesses in Poplar for the purpose of signing them up for natural gas, Porter said.

He pointed out that the faster the required number of applications for service are received, the sooner work of installing the gas system can begin.

### STREET NUMBERS

As part of its program, the gas company will install street numbers on every home and business building in the community—the reason for this, according to Porter, is that in order to make an accurate and workable check of the community, it is necessary to use established street addresses.

All buildings, therefore, will be numbered whether or not they receive gas service. There is no obligation of any kind for the numbering service, Porter said.

### Ira Anthony Is Installed

Ira Anthony, Poplar district farmer, was installed last evening as master of the Tulare County Pomona Grange at a ceremony held in Farmersville.

Other county officers, as well as officers of subordinate Granges were also installed. Included in this latter group were L. N. Carpenter, master of the Porterville Grange, with his officers, and Vern Schwartz, master of the Poplar Grange, with his officers.

### June In January Is Bad Farm Deal

While "June in January" may be grist for the song writer's mill, local farmers would rather see some January winter, and hope of the moment is that there is some basis of fact in general weather forecasts of "more rain."

Actually, the present season rates as one of the dryest since the turn of the century, and a possible critical situation is seen in the rapidly falling water tables in this district.

Only 1.37 inches has fallen locally during the present season, according to figures from the weather station maintained by Frank Daybell. This is the dryest year since 1929, when only .09 inches of rain fell between the summer season and the end of the year.

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This training, he pointed out, not only includes specialized courses under the country's foremost instructors, but the Army builds character which is an important consideration to a prospective employer.

"Here in the Douglas company," he said, "we have seen that men who have trained in the Army, or Air Force, are very desirable employees. Not only have they received technical

Peach Varieties  
Make Extended  
Season Possible

If one variety of canning peach were grown exclusively, it would probably be the Halford, says A. D. Rizzi, Tulare county assistant farm advisor, as he gives a word of advice for growers planning new acreage, for peaches this spring.

Rizzi says the Halford is planted to far the greatest acreage of about 20 varieties. It seems to be the best for quantity of production, it is very adaptable to canning, and it retains a delicious taste. Halford is generally an all around good peach.

Dr. L. D. Davis of the Pomology division of the college of agriculture, Davis, has been making studies of the distribution of the supply of canning peaches over the canning season. If every one grew Halfords the canneries would not be able to carry the load and workers could not handle the crop. The problem, according to Dr. Davis, is to spread the production from the middle of July into September.

Many varieties are available for early and late bearing. The old Phillips that one time occupied one third of the total peach acreage has been largely replaced by four new varieties, the Stuart, Sullivan No. 4, the Wiser, and the Corona. Dr. Davis reports the Corona may have a value for use in fruit cocktail, but it has a tendency to fall from the tree. It is a large,

training in aviation under the finest instructors, but they have had character training. Former members of the armed forces have always been welcome in the Douglas organization."

Opportunities to take advantage of this free training in the United States Air Force are now greater than ever before, according to Joseph P. Gallagher, sergeant in charge of the local U. S. Army and Air Force Recruiting station at Porterville.

Men with two years of college may qualify immediately under the Air Cadet program Sgt. Gallagher said. Others may qualify for Air Cadet training later by joining the Army now and taking a specialized course.

He urged those interested in receiving this training to contact the local recruiting station and get the information first hand.

hard and brittle fruit when fresh. The other three varieties are much like the Halford in quality and taste. They ripen the first week in September.

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**1.** The company is planning to extend its natural gas system into Poplar when a sufficient number of

residents have made application for gas service.

**2.** In order to make an accurate and workable check of the community, it is necessary to use established street addresses. Thus, all buildings will be numbered whether or not they will eventually receive gas service. There is no obligation of any kind.

Beginning January 19, 1948, company field representatives will call on you to sign for natural gas service. It is urged that you sign with them when they call. The faster the required number of applications for service is received, the sooner work on installing the gas system can begin.

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## Recommendations Are Made By Board For Foot And Mouth Disease Control

Further steps in the fight to control the foot and mouth in Mexico and to prevent spread of the disease among livestock in the U. S., were discussed this week by John Guthrie, White River cattleman & president of California Cattlemen's association, who recently attended a meeting of some 150 border-states cattlemen in El Paso, Texas, with Oscar Flores, assistant director of agriculture of Mexico.

It was at this meeting that cattlemen went on record as approving the Mexican plan to attempt control of the disease through vaccination; also by the construction of a wire fence from Tampico across the Mexican continent to halt the north-

ern movement of possibly infected cattle.

### BEST PLAN

Guthrie states that while it is doubtful that the disease can be stamped out through vaccination, this plan is probably the best that can be used in Mexico at the present time, since the slaughter and burial program that was first tried ran into severe resistance and economic obstacles.

Following the main meeting in El Paso, the Border States Foot and Mouth Disease Control board, of which Guthrie is a member, went into session concerning recommendations designed to protect stockmen of the United States.

Resolution of this group recommended: 1. That the present quarantine prohibiting the movement of livestock from the Republic of Mexico into the United States be maintained as provided by law and that enforcement of the quarantine be continued and improved to the highest possible efficiency.

2. The immediate construction of a fence on the International

boundary which will turn all cloven hooved animals.

### ADMINISTRATION

3. The immediate appointment of an administrator for the overall program to control and eradicate foot and mouth disease in the Republic of Mexico who is highly qualified and who will report directly to the President of the United States and the department designated by him.

4. Immediate negotiation between this country and Mexico at the highest ranking levels with a view toward developing a practical and efficient program along recognized and accepted lines for the complete eradication of foot and mouth disease in Mexico.

5. The appointment of the most competent scientists available to the government to coordinate and conduct field operations; working always in close cooperation with the Administrator where the technical work involves questions of policy.

### QUALIFIED PERSONNEL

6. The employment of personnel best qualified to carry on the work, regardless of rank, civil service rating or length of

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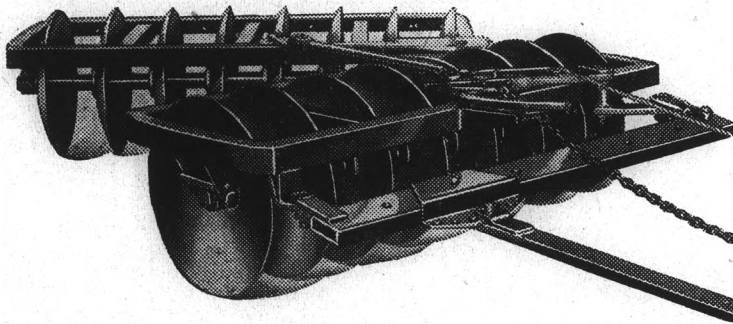
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The New Year was kicked into activity last Friday\* afternoon by local and enthusiastic football players on the depot grounds, the occasion being a matched game between the regular high school team and a picked eleven with Stanford's

famous varsity player, Will Traeger, as the star.

Both teams deserve credit for putting on a good game as a whole & team work of the high school boys was very noticeable, particularly the end runs of Walter Vinson under excellent interference. Sprott, James, Willson and Carter also distinguished themselves.

On the picked team, Willis, Traeger, Chet McFarland and Beebe did the best playing. The game was umpired by F. E. Woodley and Prof. J. L. Dinwiddle. The score was 15 to 12 in favor of the high school.

The first meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America for the purpose of organizing a camp at Porterville, was held last Saturday.

The following officers were elected: Venerable Consul, H. W. Docman; Worthy Advisor, C. C. Friend; Banker, A. M. Lumley; Clerk, E. W. Beebe; Escort, William Joy; Sentinel, B. Parley, Watchman, T. Smith; Physician, Dr. S. A. Barber; Board of Directors, H. A. Schulz, C. W. Buswell and J. C. McCabe.

Bail for Jim McKinney has been set at \$5,000, but up to the time of our going to press, had not been posted. McKinney is charged with murdering Tom Sears in Bakersfield.

A farmers' Institute will be held here next Friday and Saturday at which subjects of interest to the agriculturalist and the horticulturalist will be discussed.

Porterville seems to have its share of petty thieves. Monday evening, two bicycles were taken from the rear porch of the Frank J. Wright residents.

Chas. Parlie left for Pawnee Co. Neb., Sunday, having been called there by the sickness of his father.

A township is liable to be formed at Springville. Porterville is a long way to come for judicial matters.

Harry Quinn was thrown

from a buggy one day last week and his right hand hurt.

Wilco Mentz left Thursday for Indio on a visit to Henry Ford.

Mrs. D. W. Lindsay arrived Monday on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Byron Carpenter.

Miss Ella Carter, Miss Vira Hardeman and Dr. J. L. Harde- man went to San Francisco, Monday.

The Sunset Telephone company has just completed building a line from here to Bakersfield.

A. G. Wishon, William H. Hammond and Ben M. Maddox, came over from Visalia, Wednesday, to attend a meeting of the directors of the Porterville Light and Power company.

Congress recently authorized the coinage of a new 3-cent piece to take the place of the old 3-cent piece that looks so much like a dime.

The New Year masquerade ball at Daunt was fine and went off very smoothly. Prizes for costumes went to Miss Maude Blake, George Dillon, Mrs. Charles Duncan of Lindsay and Jerry Becker.

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## COUNTY COURT HOUSE UP FOR DISCUSSION

Representatives of the Tulare County Farm Bureau, the county chamber of commerce, the county planning commission, the Pomona Grange and the county board of supervisors, in addition to interested individuals, are attending a meeting this afternoon in the Visalia Municipal auditorium to discuss the proposed removal of the present county court house and the rebuilding of a new unit.

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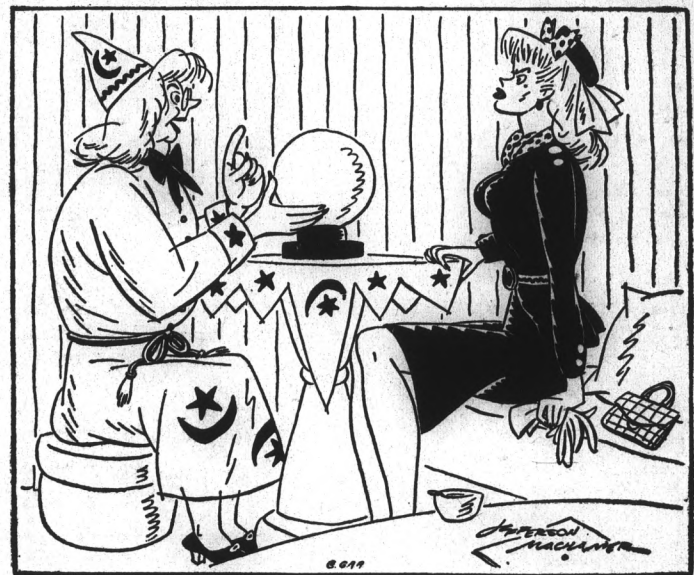
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## Work Underway At Substation

Considerable grading work has been completed at the site of the Southern California Edison company's Springville substation, located in Frasier valley northeast of Porterville.

The \$1,600,000 project "will consist of a transformer, or "step-down" substation that will take electricity at 220,000 volts from the Big Creek transmission line, reduce the voltage, then feed it to distribution and other substations in the San Joaquin valley.

By means of this installation, a new "trunk line," or source of power, will be available to greatly increase the supply of electricity to the valley and reinforce the capacity of the Edison system throughout the area.

## City Park Planned At Historic Site

A small, triangular city park is planned by the city of Porterville at the junction of Sunnyside avenue and highway 65 north of town, near the old location of the Tule River stage station, which, in the early days was a stop on the Great Southern Overland Mail run.

Before the park can be completed, it will be necessary to cover the Pioneer ditch at that location and to make a substantial fill in a low area between the two roads. Eventually, a historical marker will probably be placed in the park, designating location of the old stage stop.

Kings county makes plans to observe the one hundredth anniversary of the discovery of gold in California with a ceremony to be held in the Hanford civic auditorium January 24.

An estimated 21,387,000 acres of cotton was in cultivation in the United States as of July 1, 1947 compared to 18,190,000 acres as of the same date in 1946.

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Farm Tribune Ads Get Results

## TONY RAMOS GOES IN BUSINESS

Tony Ramos, formerly associated with the Weisenberger Farm Supply company, has announced that he is now in business for himself, specializing in the installation and maintenance of electric, gas and butane equipment.

## KERN FARMERS KEEP LABOR CAMPS OPEN

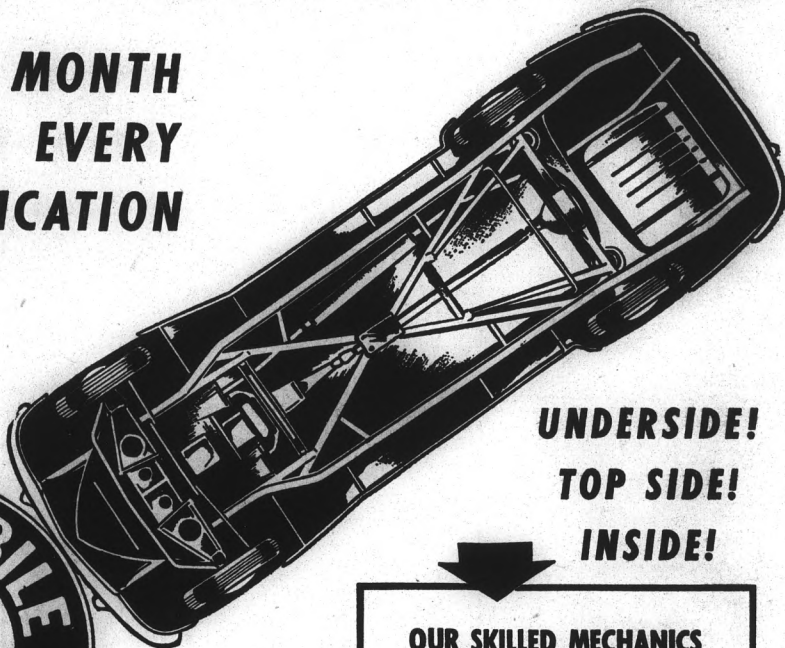
Five farm labor camps, operating under direction of groups of farmers, will be kept open in the Arvin, Shafter, Lamont and Wasco districts, of Kern county. The camps were formerly federally operated projects and are of the same general types as the

Woodville and Linnel camps in Tulare county, which are being run by the Tulare County Rural Housing association.

Kern county has all-time record cotton crop - over a bale and one-half average from 143,000 acres. Season total is expected to run 230,000 bales.

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## For The Ladies - - -

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The apple crisp is probably the one found in your recipe file, but we offer it here because it is good with pork and is not too heavy.

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String Beans  
Green Salad—French Bread  
Apple Crisp  
Coffee or Tea  
**PORK CHOPS AND RICE**

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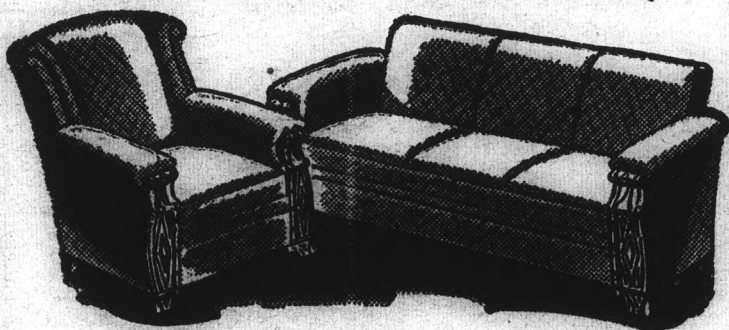
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Marks resulting from scratching matches on hardwood may be removed by rubbing with a cut lemon.

To prevent fading and running when washing colored materials, add a teaspoonful of Epsom salts to each gallon of water.

Green, blue, lavender and pink colors may be set in wash goods before washing by soaking in alum water mixed with two ounces of alum to a tub of water. Black, dark blue and gray colors may be set by soaking in a strong solution of salt water.

To bleach handkerchiefs and towels, soak over night in a solution of one-half teaspoon of cream of tartar to each quart of water.

To help prevent that tired feeling when washing and ironing, try standing on a thick rug.

Report from Washington is that 1948 goals for early commercial potatoes in California may be cut while potato goal in North Carolina may be increased.

juice may be added during cooking to give rice sufficient moisture. When placing chops on platter for serving, slip a pancake turner under them so that each will have a portion of the rice mixture on top of it.

#### APPLE CRISP

5 apples, sliced  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c sugar  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  c flour  
1 tsp cinnamon  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  c soft butter

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## Poultrymen Urged To Cull Flocks

Poultrymen were called on recently by the Poultry Coordinating committee to sharply increase the culling of their laying flocks in order to conserve grain.

Herman C. Demme, president of the National Poultry Producers' Federation and chairman of the coordinating group, said: "Actually, poultrymen and farmers, except in the South Central and the South Atlantic areas of the United States, culled fewer birds from their laying flocks in November this year than they did in the same month last year."

"The poultry industry," Demme continued, "has committed itself to take a major part in the nationwide efforts being made to conserve grain needed immediately for human food in foreign countries, and to prevent an unnecessary drain on our feed supplies. The responsibility to do this job lies with the poultry industry, collectively and individually. We, as an industry, are wasting grain now by feeding too many non productive or inefficient laying hens and pullets."

Estimates indicate that federal crop insurance program operated at a profit in 1947 for the first time since the program was established.

## 80 Years of Sheep Raising Back Flock

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at Tailholt, then homesteaded 160 acres about a quarter mile north of the present Woodville cemetery, land that is still held by the Monroe family.

Father of Hugh Monroe, the late John Buchanan Monroe, who was only three years old when his parents crossed the plains, eventually took over the ranching business of his parents, developing their start in sheep and other livestock.

### EXCELLENT HORSES

J. B. Monroe ran sheep for 50 years, at one time having 10,000 head maintained on hundreds of leased acres of rangeland in the Woodville, Saucelito and Pixley areas. He was also known for his excellent draft horses and for his high quality beef cattle. In 1884 he married the late, former Margaret Vincent.

Hugh Monroe continued in the sheep business of his father, however, about 10 years ago, gave up range sheep in favor of the purebred Suffolks. He states that with ground that was formerly open range being constantly broken for cultivated crops, range sheep, for the most part, have been forced out of this area.

Monroe says that the sheep business, however, is still thriving in other parts of the state, figures recently released by the California Crop and Livestock Reporting service bear out this statement, for, according to these figures, the total number of lambs on feed as of December 1, 1947, amounting to 270,000 head was near a record level and was 16 per cent above the corresponding date in 1946.

During the past week, considerable irrigating has been done throughout the community in citrus groves and pastures. Dry farmers still have their crops to make, except in a few cases where irrigated grain is under cultivation and foothill cattle feed is far below an average year.

The McKinley brothers of Madera have purchased 5,760 acres of land east of Madera from H. E. Service, of Madera, for \$193,000.

Great Britlan has arranged to purchase meat from Australia instead of the United States during the current crop year.

## WOODVILLE-POPLAR ROAD SURFACED

Surfacing work is nearing completion on the Woodville-Poplar highway from a point west of Woodville into Poplar. Improvement work is still under way between Cotton Center and a point one mile west of Tule river on West Olive.

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## FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE NOT JUST PROBLEM OF CATTLEMEN

At first glance it might appear that the current fight of cattlemen to control foot and mouth disease in Mexico and to prevent spread of the disease into the United States is simply a problem of stockmen, but a closer examination of the situation shows that every farmer—in fact every resident of our community—will be vitally concerned if hoof and mouth disease jumps the International boundary.

It can be readily seen that foot and mouth disease in our county and state would bring great economic loss, for the only known method of actually stamping out the disease is through slaughter and burial of infected stock.

But in addition to this direct loss to cattlemen and the indirect loss that such slaughter would bring to all residents of the community, every person who depends upon "products of the soil" could be affected, for other states and areas might well set up quarantines and restrictions on any "product of the soil" from an infected area that would make shipping of farm produce impossible—or possible only after expensive inspections.

It behooves all farm and business organizations to support the cattlemen in their efforts to keep this highly infectious, deadly disease out of our country, and, on the basis that the best defense is a strong offense, it behooves our federal government and our border states governments to continue work toward eradication of the disease from the neighboring country of Mexico.

Gaining strength is a proposal to move the headquarters office of the California Cattlemen's association from San Francisco to Sacramento.

## SCHROEDERS BUY STOCKTON MOTEL

Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Schroeder, owners of the New Porterville hospital, recently purchased Flagstone Manor, a motel on 99 highway at Stockton.

A yield of 1,038,240 tons of barley in 1947 makes that year the third largest in California history, according to the Federal-State Market News service.

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## Early County Railroads Are Meeting Subject

"Early Railroad in Tulare County," will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting of the Tulare County Historical Society, scheduled for the Lincoln Elementary school in Exeter, Sunday afternoon, January 18 at 2:00 o'clock.

The program will be in charge of Joe E. Doctor, of The Exeter Sun, who invites anyone with first hand information on this subject to attend the meeting and take part in the discussion.

Some of the points that will be touched upon include early road construction; famous train robbers; the notorious Southern Pacific land deals; the Mussell Slough tragedy; the railroad yards at Tulare; the old Tulare & Visalia railroad and the Valley Road that became an important part of the Santa Fe system.

Everyone is invited to attend the Exeter meeting. Anyone having old railroad pictures is urged to bring them a few minutes ahead of the meeting time in order that they may be placed on exhibit.

## TELEPHONE COMPANY ASKS RATE BOOST

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has asked the public utilities commission for a rate boost based on the following proposed changes: Increases of 50 cents per month on business phones; 25 cents per month on residential phones; 25 cents per month on business telephone extensions and \$1 for business service connections. The company states that its present rate of return is 4.45 per cent less than a "fair rate of return" customarily established by business.

California's 1947 crop of canning tomatoes, estimated at 1,414,000 tons, sold at an average price of \$29 per ton, the highest price in the history of the industry.

Senator William Knowland states that congress may be asked for additional funds to channel surplus crops, such as citrus and dried fruits, into foreign relief programs.

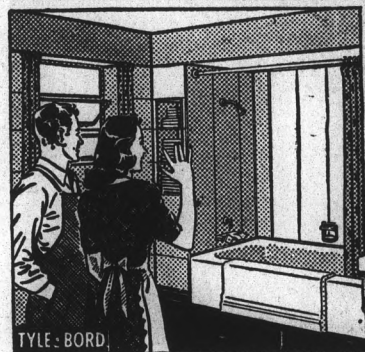
A special election will be held on January 8 in the Ivanhoe area to determine whether or not the Ivanhoe irrigation district will be formed to obtain and distribute Central Valley project water.

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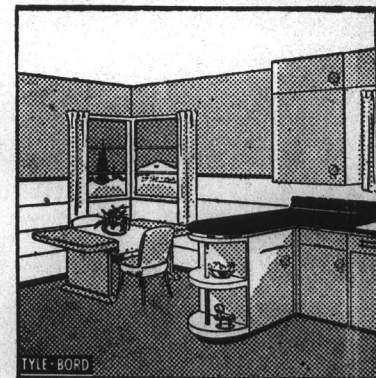
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**Speed Sprayer Demonstration On Longacre Olives**

A demonstration of the Bean Speed Sprayer at the Longacre olive grove south of Strathmore was witnessed Tuesday afternoon by a number of farmers of the district, with the demonstration handled by the Farmer Tractor and Equipment company of Porterville, Bean agents.

The new type rig feeds the spray material through nozzles mounted on the side of the rig, while a multi-blade, cast aluminum propellor, mounted in the rear of the rig and turning at a high rate of speed, spreads the spray.

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The test was the first made on olives in this district, although

**Routine Matters Before Board**

Routine matters were discussed at a meeting of the Porterville Union High School District board held Tuesday evening at the high school.

The board addressed a letter to the Porterville Recreation Commission offering cooperation in the city recreation program by making certain facilities available upon request, and stated, in addition, that the board would cooperate with any similar group in the school district.

Application of Hobart Webster, to be placed on a half-time basis as a supervisor of the Veterans' agricultural program that is carried on through the high school agricultural department, was granted, and the matter of

teacher tenure was discussed briefly.

Next meeting date of the board was set for Monday evening, February 9.

Big scale cattle rustling is a thing of the past, according to Clyde Harris, chief of the California department of agriculture livestock identification bureau, however, about 1,000 head of beef and dairy cattle were reported "strayed or stolen" in the first 10 months of 1947.

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7. A study of the economic impact on the Mexican government and the Mexican people as a result of the disease and as a result of efforts to eradicate the disease.

8. The development of "an exhaustive research program outside the continental United States to study the disease program and the use of vaccines; the preparation of vaccines not harmful in spreading the disease, to be used solely as an aid to control during and in conjunction with the eradication program.

9. Continuation and improvement of the canning program in the "clean" states of northern Mexico, with all technical help necessary to implement the completion of plants

now under construction, together with all other possible help to assist northern Mexico to adjust itself to the current situation.

### ADEQUATE FENCE

10. The early construction of an adequate fence along the present quarantine line within Mexico.

11. Congress issue authority to follow a program such as recommended herein and that funds be provided to carry on the operation of the program in all its phases.

The Border States Foot and Mouth Disease Control board is composed of three members each from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

Farmers of the world need more fertilizer than can be supplied this year, according to the department of agriculture.

January 26 has been set as the date to open hearings in Fresno on an application for a preliminary permit for a hydro electric project on the north fork of the Kings river.

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## Burton Club Tour Set For January

A club tour on January 24 was planned by members of the Burton 4-H group at a recent meeting of the organization, with plans also made for a snow party and a money-raising event.

During the meeting, Roy Baxley presented Donald Overstreet as the club boy's leader and Frances Wilson reported on the last Senior 4-H meeting at Porterville high school.

A Christmas party was enjoyed during the social part of the evening, with Earl Mortensen entertaining by singing, "White Christmas." Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Daily; Mrs. Roy Baxley; Mrs. Lovell Wilson; Mrs. Pittigilano and L. N. Carpenter. Leaders included Mrs. John Overstreet; Roy Baxley and Donald Overstreet.

Number of cattle on feed in California, as of the early part of December is about 16 per cent above the same date a year ago.

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## Sportsmen's Scratchpad

BY BILL BAUCOM

According to the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, there is an unprecedented disrespect for California Fish and Game laws, even though the conviction for these crimes is much higher than in most states. Why is this? Probably because of an inadequate number of game wardens.

California has an area somewhere in the neighborhood of 158,000 square-miles, and not over 175 wardens to enforce the game laws. Why is it that a sport that is enjoyed by so many people, and which represents millions of dollars of investment, must be "Kicked around" and more or less ignored by most of our politicians?

Also, why is it that many so-called Sportsmen are honest, and live up to the game laws, only when they think that they are being watched by a game warden. After all the game laws are for their own benefit, as well as for others, and any violation

is hurting themselves, whether caught or not.

Along this line, I am wondering just what became of the reserve Fish and game patrol that was to have been inaugurated in this area? This idea of voluntary, reserve wardens, to work with the regular Fish and Game Officials seems to be a sound one. Fellow sportsmen lets all pull together on this; I believe that such a program would help materially in reducing the number of game violations. Especially those that are never apprehended.

California cash farm receipts ran \$1,707,897,000 for the period January to October, inclusive, 1947, somewhat higher than for the same period in 1946.

Horse and mule population in Oregon has declined 42 per cent in the past 10 years.

The annual Western Gurnsey Classic sale will be held at the Merced county fair grounds April 12.

## Dairymen Must Vaccinate Calves For Brucellosis

Attention is again called to the fact that all female dairy calves between the ages of six months and one year must be vaccinated for Brucellosis (Bangs disease) under provisions of a California law that became effective the first of the year.

Cost of vaccination and cost of vaccine will be born by the state and dairymen may select any veterinarian as long as he is Federal-State accredited and has signed a required service contract with the State.

No calf under six months or over 12 months is effected by the law, however, all female dairy calves within this age must be vaccinated. Vaccination of male dairy calves and beef calves is optional with the owner.

Vaccinated calves will be tattooed marked by the veterinarian handling the vaccination.

## PHOTO COPIED FROM OLD DAGUERROTYPE

In reply to a number of questions concerning last week's picture of the Gideon Deming family, here is some related information: The photo was copied from an old photograph that was, in turn, copied from a daguerrotype made in Illinois in the year 1854. The Gibbons family moved to Texas from Illinois and later came on to California. Copies of the picture have been retained by family members through the years.

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## FARM PRICES HIGH BUT SOME ITEMS LOW

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## Spray Controls Almond Shot Hole

Almonds affected with shot hole disease should be sprayed in the spring instead of November as with peaches and apricots. A. D. Rizzi, assistant farm advisor, says the only complete insurance against shot hole disease is timely and thorough spraying year after year.

Experiments of the college of agriculture have proved that lime sulfur is much inferior to copper sprays for shot hole disease. Dr. E. E. Wilson, professor of plant pathology at the college of agriculture, Davis, reports tests made in 1942 in which trees sprayed with lime sulfur developed from seven to 20 times more blight than those sprayed with the various copper fungicides.

From 400 to 500 gallons per acre is used for ordinary hydraulic spray application. Much lower amounts are being used for concentrated sprays, sometimes as low as 20 to 30 gallons per acre.

Rizzi says he will be pleased

to further discuss spraying almonds for shot hole disease with growers who contact him at the Agricultural Extension service, post office building, Visalia, phone 2204.

## Power Lines Must Be Watched

If you are operating a pruning or spraying tower, a derrick, or stacker you may never know what happened if you drive into a high voltage line.

A. D. Rizzi, Tulare county assistant farm advisor, says four people were killed in California in walnut groves alone in the last 60 days from contact with high voltage wires. During the past two years 47 California people have been killed and 124 injured from this cause.

Safety has a greater meaning after an accident. The farm advisor offers several suggestions to prevent accidents from high voltage wires:

Make an inspection of the route you plan to travel with such equipment. Be sure about the location and height of high voltage lines.

Be sure the equipment will have at least six feet clearance from any high voltage line. Tie down any swinging parts to make sure of six feet clearance.

Do not attempt to move or raise electric wires for any reason.

When in doubt about safety, contact the power utility.

The farm advisor also suggests farmers learn about the law regarding operation of farm towers, shakers, and similar equipment around high voltage lines.

Baby chick hatch in California declined 11 per cent in November as compared to October of 1947, according to the California department of agriculture.

Passenger rate increases up to 50 per cent have been asked by railroads serving California.

Members of the California Grape and Tree Fruit association are urged by Harold H. Angler, manager, to seek higher-quality production in the coming year in order to stimulate sales.

A total of 866,000 acres of wheat in California this year, the greatest acreage since 1941, is predicted by the state department of agriculture.

## COTTON CROP INSURANCE SET FOR COUNTY

A recent visitor at the office of the Tulare County Agricultural Conservation association in Visalia was E. H. Spoor, California State Director of the Production and Marketing administration. In answer to direct questioning regarding Federal cotton crop insurance in Tulare county for 1948, Spoor made the following statement:

"Tulare county was selected by the Federal Crop Insurance corporation as one of 56 counties in the nation, to offer cotton crop insurance in 1948. It has not yet been determined if the program will be administered through the local ACA office as in the past. However, the point I want to make clear is that 1948 cotton crop insurance is available in Tulare county regardless of which agency handles it."

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## FUNCTIONS OF PLANT FOODS ARE EXPLAINED

By Dr. G. F. McLeod  
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There is apparently much confusion in the minds of some growers with respect to what each of the major plant foods does to plants. Perhaps this will assist in clearing up some of the confusion.

Nitrogen: (1) Imparts a rich dark green color to plant leaves. (2) Promotes the increased growth of stems, leaves, roots and seeds. (3) Makes plants grow rapidly. (4) Improves the

quality, particularly of leaf crops, and increases the protein content of both feed and food crops. (5) Provides food for micro-organisms in the soil which cause the decay of organic matters low in nitrogen, as in the case of non-leguminous cover crops.

Some of the important functions of Phosphates are: (1) To stimulate early root formation and growth. (2) To provide for rapid and vigorous starting of plants. (3) To hasten and insure maturity of crops. (4) To provide ample blooming, and aid in seed formation. (5) To provide winter hardiness or frost protection in many hay and grain crops.

The primary functions of Potash are: (1) Imparts vigor and aids in disease resistance. (2) Contributes to sturdy stalks and stems. (3) Increases plumpness of seeds, particularly grains. (4) Plays an important part in the formation and transfer of main plant foods. (5) Increases hardiness in many crops, particularly legumes.

It is not intended to imply that if any of the above difficulties exist they can be cured by using excessive amounts of any one of the plant foods. Actually many compounds enter into each of the above functions, but experience has taught research workers that the addition of any of the above major plant foods when they are deficient in a soil will result in alleviation of the problems above indicated.

There are of course many lesser plant elements such as sulphur, zinc, boron, manganese, magnesium and many more, each of which in turn may become the limiting factor in either quality or quantity of any given crop which is being produced. For many of these deficiencies the

are no chemical tests adequate to show the minute amounts needed by plants. In the last analysis the plants themselves are the best indicators of their own nutritional deficiencies.

Indications are that there will be a 50 per cent reduction in the number of breeder hens held by California turkey producers for the coming season.

## Hospital Official Meets With Board

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plying to all medical institutions, must be complied with—laws that apply regardless of the type of hospital or method of financing.

As sidelight information, Dr. Gilman said that California is broken into 16 state hospital areas, with the Sierra View district in the area centered by Bakersfield. On a basis of "acceptable beds," this area generally has about 59 per cent of its estimated hospital bed needs.

### OTHERS PLANNING

It was also said that a number of communities in the state have hospital construction plans underway. Dr. Gilman stated that the Porterville meeting was the 86th such meeting he has attended since the formation of his bureau following the war and that at the present time he has 30 more meetings scheduled.

He also discussed, generally, some of the problems that can be expected to arise concerning administration of a district hospital following its completion.

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